

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6077

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Environment, January 31, 2012  
Ways & Means, February 7, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to generating additional revenue from the sale of solid fuel burning devices.

**Brief Description:** Generating additional revenue from the sale of solid fuel burning devices.

**Sponsors:** Senators Nelson, Conway, Frockt, Rolfes, Regala and Kline; by request of Department of Ecology.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Environment: 1/27/12, 1/31/12 [DP-WM, DNP].  
Ways & Means: 2/06/12, 2/07/12 [DP, DNP, w/oRec].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.  
Signed by Senators Nelson, Chair; Rolfes, Vice Chair; Chase, Fraser and Pridemore.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.  
Signed by Senators Ericksen, Ranking Minority Member; Honeyford, Morton and Sheldon.

**Staff:** Jan Odano (786-7486)

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.  
Signed by Senators Murray, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Brown, Conway, Fraser, Harper, Kastama, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Regala and Tom.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.  
Signed by Senators Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Hatfield, Hewitt, Holmquist Newbry, Honeyford, Padden and Schoesler.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation.  
Signed by Senators Parlette, Ranking Minority Member Capital; Baumgartner.

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**Staff:** Michael Bezanson (786-7449)

**Background:** The Department of Ecology (DOE) is required to administer a woodstove education program for woodstove dealers and the public. The program is to provide information about the effects of woodstove emissions on health and air quality; ways to achieve better efficiency and emission performance from woodstoves; DOE approved woodstoves; and the benefits of replacing inefficient woodstoves with approved woodstoves.

There is a \$30 fee on the retail sale of solid fuel-burning devices that has been in place since January 1, 1992. The revenue collected must be used for the woodstove education program.

**Summary of Bill:** An additional fee of \$15 is assessed on the retail sale of each solid fuel-burning device. The revenue collected must be used by DOE for the woodstove education program.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Environment):** PRO: This is part of the Governor's budget proposal. It will reduce the amount of GF-S currently subsidizing the program. It is a net-zero change. This will provide some funding to help with education on the impacts of wood smoke.

**Persons Testifying (Environment):** PRO: Stu Clark, DOE; Gary Smith, Independent Business Assn.; Carrie Nyssen, American Lung Assn.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Ways & Means):** PRO: This fee allows DOE to eliminate the General Fund subsidy for the program. This will not result in an increase in spending.

**Persons Testifying (Ways & Means):** PRO: Marshall Taylor, DOE.